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This month's missionary focus:
Bill and Carol Dew and their trip to Brazil for the month of April.

Prayer targets:

- Divine protection for the Dews as they travel and the ability to rest en-route
- Healing anointing, words of knowledge, prophecy, deliverance and extreme favor with the pastors they will be working with and their congregations
- Protection from all forces, powers, and spirits in the areas of the spirit, physical and emotions

War Chest Offering February
$7,538.10

War Chest Offering March
$20,489.24 ***wow!!***

War Chest Offering for April will go towards Star and Solomon and their trip to the US this June.

Re-Defining Mission

When you hear the word "missions" what images come to mind? For most of us, we immediately think of foreign missionaries in some exotic international setting with less than comfortable living conditions. You may have noticed that over the past several months we have labored to use the word "mission" instead of its plural form "missions." This shift is an intentional declaration of one of our mission values that states: **"We value the work of local, regional and global missions equally."**

Jesus said to his disciples, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8) Take notice of the fact that Jesus was declaring our mission in a local, regional and global setting. Mission is not necessarily about going somewhere far away to proclaim Christ. Each one of us has a mission of representing Christ and His Kingdom everywhere we go.

As a community of believers we recognize that God may call various individuals to focus on one specific area of our mission. Some may be more passionate and better equipped for local mission; others for a specific nation or region. Each of these passions and burdens represent a valuable and essential work within Christ's Body. While there may be seasons when God will direct us to focus more of our resources on one particular area of our mission than the others, we can never abandon our local mission to reach the nations or neglect our regional mission in order to specialize on the local level. Therefore, we believe every Christian believer is a minister and we are all on His mission.

Next month look for "Our Relational Priority in Mission," part 3 of a 6 part series expressing our Five Mission Values. See Volume 1, Issue 2 of The Mission *for a listing of all Five Mission Values.*

Spreading The Word

Bill Cerrito and his contact group have been taking a literal approach to spreading the Word. They have been passing out Bibles each week in front of Ralph's Market. In ninety minutes time from 6:00-7:30pm Bill, his wife Julie, and their team passed out eighty-two Bibles. The following week they passed out sixty Bibles to passers-by including several of the Ralph's employees. On March 26th one of those employees reported that through the Bible distribution he had rededicated his life to Christ. "He came out and asked me if I would sign and date the Bible he received last week so he would never forget," Bill reported. "Praise the Lord!" The Bible distribution group is a mission of Bill and Julie Cerrito. Their contact group sponsors the cost of the Bibles as well as helps with spreading the Word.

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Solomon & Star, Taken By Storm!

"We just wanted to thank everyone at CLC for all of the training and preparation we had before leaving for Romania.

When we arrived we were ready for anything! But we were just wondering what happened to *"Living in the Snow 101!"* Were we absent that day? We won't even bring up, *"Driving in the Snow 101!"*

Hope you are enjoying California weather... If not come on over the snow is great!"

Love, Solomon & Star

The war chest offering for the month of April will be collected to bring home from Romania, Star and Solomon Chis, for a much-needed Sabbatical. Star and Solomon have been away for two years starting a church, as well as operating ministries for children, widows, and prisoners.

This will be their first visit back to the United States to get refreshed and spend some time with family and friends.

7 Churches, 3 Nights, 3 Weeks

Bill and Carol Dew left Sunday, March 21 and return home from a full ministry itinerary in Brazil April 27.

The Dews will be training in 7 churches, 3 days each, for three weeks to prepare a Brazilian ministry team that will minister alongside the US team accompanying Randy Clark when they arrive in Sao Paulo on April 14.

After the crusade Bill & Carol will stay to do further training in morning meetings and will take Brazilian ministry teams along with them as they minister in the evening in national churches.

If you are interested in participating in an Intranational Ministry trip, applications are now available at the Information Counter. If you are interested in the Fiji trip get your app in now...

Graduation in China

The China team under the direction of Steve and Lorraine Box, took part in a graduation ceremony for national pastors training for ministry in China. Steve and Lorraine have been a major part of the international training staff by teaching one week out of each quarter during the last year. Bill and Carol Dew, Dave Crone have also participated in this training. Many of these pastors are over house church groups that number in the thousands.

Like Paul, these often pay the price *"...in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the heathen, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, and dangers among false brethren... in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, bearing the daily pressure of concern for all the churches."* (2 Corinthians 11:26-28) Keep these graduates in prayer.

Mission Testimonies

"All 47 (total enrolled) of us are focused on changing this Valley for His glory! All are encouraged by the participation of so many churches (13). We are determined to enter into relationship, meeting people at their place of need. We are preparing for an assault!"

-Deborah Barnett, Biblical Counselling II -contact group

"We had a blast housing 11 Canadians on their way to San Francisco's City Ministries Int'l boot camp. They came full of glory & power!"

-Wayne/Diane LaCosse, City Ministries Int'l -contact group

"God came through with such brilliance -two days before our China team was to leave my passport arrived and the day before our departure $1,300 that I needed for the rest of my trip came in."

-Karen Winters, China Mission

Mission Calendar

San Francisco Outreach (City Ministries, Int'l)
Every Friday Night

Feeding the Hungry
Every Sunday

Prison Ministry
Every Tuesday Night

China Mission I
March 18 - April 1

China Mission II
March 29 - April 7

Easter Outreach Prisons
April

The Dews in Brazil
March – April

International Ministry School
May 14/15 June

Fiji
August